



**Economic and Community Development Institute  
Columbus, OH**

<b>Project Title</b>	Central Ohio Asset Building Initiative
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<b>AFI Grant Amount</b>	\$1,000,000
<b>Nonfederal Support</b>	\$1,000,000
<b>Project Period</b>	September 2005 – September 2010
<b>Highlights</b>	Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) will expand an existing AFI Project and other IDA programs and offer 950 IDAs: 655 for microenterprise, 205 for post-secondary education, and 90 for homeownership. The match rate is \$2 to \$1, up to \$1,000 in participant savings. Innovations include initial funding of employer IDAs, with future growth anticipated in this area, and business technology resource centers to provide intensive support to participants on business training, use of computers, and related skills.
<b>Target Population</b>	Franklin, Licking, Fairfield, Pickaway, Madison, Union, and Delaware counties.
<b>Grantee/Collaborative Description</b>	ECDI was founded in 1998 and operates multiple IDA and related economic empowerment programs, such as micro-loans, financial literacy training, and workforce training. ECDI collaborates with a wide variety of organizations to assist participants such areas as housing support agencies and small development centers. Fifth Third Bank is the financial institution partner.